At the beginning of the semester, you wrote an essay explaining how you intend to be a successful college student. Over the course of the semester, you will return to that essay and apply the writing/research concepts you’ve learned to develop that paper more fully. Your assignment is to develop the following topic:

**What does it take to be a successful college student, and how do you intend to become a successful college student?**

As you work on this paper, you should consider the following ideas:

- First decide on your definition of college success. For some it might be graduation. For others it might be a B average. Still, for others, it might be the ability to think critically and for another set of students, success might mean employment after graduation. So what is college success to you?
- You should do some self-evaluation also. What are your academic strengths? What are academic areas you could improve? Also, what are your practical/personal strengths? What practical/personal areas could you improve?
- Set some goals. What do you want to accomplish to become a college success?
- Determine what information you need to meet those goals.
- Access the appropriate sources to get the information needed to meet those goals.
- Write your essay using the information you’ve found from those sources.

When I graded your in-class essay, I gave you some suggestions for how to proceed with this project, so keep those in mind. In class, we’ll spend some time discussing your progress on this assignment to help you work on it along the way. Professor Garrison can also provide assistance with identifying and locating the appropriate information sources.

Once you’ve finished your writing process, your essay should meet the following criteria:

- The paper should open with a catchy hook.
- The introduction should lead to a clear main idea
- Body paragraphs must be logically organized with each paragraph being unified and coherent.
- Body paragraphs should be developed thoroughly with concrete examples, which should come from appropriate sources which you found using the library’s databases. You must refer to at least **five** sources, and you must use those sources to help you develop your body paragraphs, as well as write an engaging introduction and conclusion.
- Here’s an option: You may choose to do personal interviews for your paper. Each personal interview must be an expert on your topic, and the information used from the interview must be substantive and relevant to your main idea. **One interview may substitute for one source.** You may do other interviews as well (for instance, if you want to interview other students), but those interviews must be relevant, appropriate, and **in addition to the five required sources for this assignment.**
- The paper should employ a captivating writing style.
- It should extend beyond the typical five-paragraph format, to reveal intellectual investment indicative of a college student.
- It should show careful proofreading and correct documentation of sources in current MLA style, both in the text and on the works cited page.
- The essay and works cited page should be all in one document.

As usual, compose your paper on a word processor and save it as Microsoft Word or in Rich Text Format. This essay is due at **11:59 PM, ET, Sunday, December 1st**. You will submit this paper using the Dropbox in Desire2 Learn. It is your responsibility to ensure your paper got to Dr. Remler. Please contact her if you have questions.